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MOB VIOLENCE IN FLORENCE COUNTY

ONE NEGRO MAN KILLED AND ANOTHER SAID TO BE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

A dispatch from Florence to the Charleston News and Courier, January 3, says:

"According to reliable information reaching Florence today, one negro was killed outright and another was probably fatally wounded by a mob of unknown white men Sunday night in the Black river section of Williamsburg county, near the Florence county line.

"The body of the dead negro was riddled with bullets. In his pocket were found a number of letters from a white woman with whom he had been accused of having intimate relations. It is stated that the woman had been driven out of Williamsburg county recently on this account and had moved over the line into Florence county.

"The negro man is said to have gone to Kingstree one day last week and to have boasted that he was going to see that woman. Saturday night he was surprised at her home by the mob of men. Leaping into a buggy he and another negro man with him attempted to elude the mob which followed in hot pursuit, firing volleys into the back of the buggy, it is alleged. One of the negroes was found dead later while the other is known to have been wounded.

"With baby in arms the woman escaped into the woods and spent the night there, going to Kingstree when the sun rose and asking Sheriff Gamble for protection. She was given sufficient money to pay her railroad fare to Hartselle.

"It is stated that the negro man, as well as the white woman, had been warned of danger should they be seen together again. The dead negro was armed with pistols and a Winchester rifle and had a quantity of ammunition on his person.

"When asked today Sheriff Burch stated that he had not been notified of the lynching and was without any information concerning it."

Citizens of this community and especially a number of Williamsburg county officials are no little incensed over the above report appearing in the News and Courier Wednesday morning from Florence. They aver that such information was very unreliable instead of "reliable" as reported from Florence. And state that as a matter of fact the affair took place in Florence county, at least five miles from the Williamsburg line, and that the white woman in question is not a native of Williamsburg but claimed to be from Hartselle, and was sent there by Sheriff Gamble of this county when she reported to him here early this week. No one in Kingstree seems to know anything about the negro man having been in Kingstree or having made the statement here that he "was going to see that woman Saturday night."

From what information The County Record can gather concerning the affair is that Bill McAlister and another negro man were both killed in Florence county at a point between Lake City and Olanda and that the white woman is originally from Florence county, but had at one time lived in Williamsburg. The negro men who were killed are said to have lived in this county at one time.

Officials here state that it is an injustice to have this affair laid at the door of Williamsburg when it actually happened in Florence, five miles from the Williamsburg county line.

Sams-Ginn.

Mr. Richard Henry Sams, Jr., and Miss Beth Ginn, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ginn, were quietly married in Lake City Wednesday, December 28, 1921. They left immediately after the ceremony by automobile for Greenville and Spartanburg. They will be at home after January 1st, at Lake City.

The Finch Hotel property, Spartanburg, was sold at public auction in that city Monday and was purchased by Mrs. W. T. Finch for \$265,000. It is believed that a company of citizens will finance the proposition by putting up money to satisfy the claims against the new hotel and push it to completion.

CHRISTMAS AT SALTERS.

Christmas Festivities and Visiting Friends Add Joy to Occasion.

Salters Depot, Jan. 2.—Christmas passed off quietly around here, the day falling on Sunday this year. Appropriate sermons were preached both morning and evening for the occasion.

The children of the Union Sunday school enjoyed a Christmas tree on Friday afternoon at the church. A number of the Salters folks had Christmas trees in their homes for the children, adding much to the joy of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Haigler and children of Greenville, spent Christmas with relatives here.

Miss Irma Nettles of Columbia, spent the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. J. M. Sires, Jr., spent Christmas with his family here.

The young folks who are home for the holidays from the various colleges are: Winthrop college, Misses Ann and Lorena LiFrage, Carrie Mosely and Sue Blackwell; Clemson college, I. E. Davis; Coker college, Miss Mary Sparks; Chicora college, Miss Laura Boyd; Citadel, Clarence Boyd; Bailey, Neal Shepard.

Harold Steele of Kingstree, spent Thursday with I. E. Davis here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Donnerly of Kingstree, spent Sunday with Mrs. Donnerly's parents here.

Miss Myrtle Burrows of Kingstree, spent Sunday with her home folks here.

Mr. J. W. Mosely and family of Charleston spent Christmas with relatives here.

The young folks enjoyed a tournament on Monday afternoon at Mr. H. N. Shepard's. Mr. Laurie Burrows crowned, Miss Lorena LiFrage queen; Mr. Audy Montgomery crowned, Miss Boyd first maid of honor, and Mr. Leard Montgomery crowned, Miss Carrie Mosely second maid of honor.

Mrs. Lou H. Spann of Florence, spent Monday with relatives here.

Mrs. D. T. Hamilton and children of Florence, spent Monday with relatives here.

Mr. Henry E. Davis of Florence, spent Monday with relatives here.

Dr. L. B. Salters spent Friday with relatives here.

Mrs. Emily Nettles and Mrs. Willie Lewis of Sumter, spent Friday with relatives here.

Miss Nettie and Winnie Davis of the Darlington and Olanda schools are home for the holidays.

Miss Lou B. Ferguson is spending the holidays at her home in Renno.

Mrs. S. G. Dillard of Clinton, spent Christmas with relatives here.

And now Mr. Editor a Happy and prosperous new year to you and The Record force.

Items From Salters, Route 3.

January 3.—The weather has been unusually cold for the past few days. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barreineau spent Sunday at Cedar Swamp with their uncle, Mr. John Barreineau.

Mrs. Orpha Thompson and children of Sampit, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Thompson in this section.

Mr. Frank Morris of Way Cross, Ga., spent Sunday afternoon with his brother, Mr. J. B. Morris of this section.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson of the Trio section, spent the week-end with his son, Mr. O. L. Thompson.

Mr. A. P. Thompson, Mrs. S. L. Thompson, Mrs. S. M. Kirton, Misses Carrie Thompson and Bess Blakely were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Thompson Monday night, January 2nd.

Mr. Alfred and Fred Thompson of Trio section, spent Monday afternoon with their brother, Mr. O. L. Thompson of this section.

We are very glad to report that the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barreineau is improving.

"Rose Bud"

Hubbard-Inghram.

Hemingway, Jan. 3.—Miss Talue Inghram and Mr. A. H. Hubbard of Cope were quietly married at the home of the bride's father, Mr. P. B. Inghram, December 24th, 1921. Only members of the immediate families witnessed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard left immediately after the ceremony by automobile for Florence, from there they went to spend some time with the groom's parents at Hartselle. They will make their home at Cope, where Mr. Hubbard is engaged in business.

TAX COMMITTEE WANTS MEETING

CALLS FOR SESSIONS IN EVERY COUNTY IN THE STATE.

Decision to call meetings in every county in the state to get the taxpayers of the South Carolina taxpayers' conference before the people and the appointment of various subcommittees to work for the tax program were the more important actions reached by the executive committee of the South Carolina taxpayers' conference in Columbia Friday. This committee was chosen at the statewide tax meeting on December 14.

Need for immediate action being apparent, the executive committee decided to hold meetings in each county in the state, and with that in view directed each member of the state executive committee to appoint a chairman of the counties in his district, who will be expected to arrange for and hold the meeting, at which meeting someone will explain to the taxpayers the program for their approval.

The program which will be proposed to the legislature will suggest ways and means by which the state property tax may be reduced from 40 to 50 per cent, and at the same time equalize the burden of taxation, so that the tax burden on property will be gradually reduced.

Acting under instructions from the Taxpayers' association, the executive committee is prepared to suggest to the taxpayers the following program for new sources of revenue: Gasoline tax, \$600,000; occupation tax, \$350,000; inheritance tax, \$250,000; increase in the corporation license tax, \$250,000; increase in the public service corporation franchise tax, \$300,000; income tax, \$1,000,000, and luxury tax, \$150,000. If the general assembly will enact the above tax laws, it will produce approximately \$2,900,000, the committee says.

The gasoline tax will be applied to road maintenance and will take the place of the two mill property tax for roads. The occupation tax will be placed on occupation and professions not otherwise taxed, such, for instance, as brokers, etc. A graduated inheritance tax, the details of which will be worked out by the legislature, will raise considerable revenue. An increase in the corporation license tax from one to two mills was recommended, and also an increase in the public service corporation franchise tax from three to five mills. The committee favors a luxury tax.

Rigid Economy.

The committee repeated the recommendation of the meeting of the tax association that most rigid economy be used in the state government.

In studying the tax situation, the committee is convinced that one of the causes of complaint is due to the fact that the people themselves have voted special levies for local purposes, which, in many instances, far exceed the amount necessary for the state purposes. Therefore, the committee earnestly recommended most rigid economy in county expenditures.

A committee representing the Columbia Automobile association appeared before the executive committee and called attention to their road improvement program, and expressed desire to co-operate in the tax reform movement.

"Never Fail School Notes"

Honor roll for month beginning November 28th and ending December 23rd:

Grade I.—Primary, Wilhelma Tisdale, 98; Julia Jones, 96; Pearl Epps, 90.

Grade II.—Marvin Driggers, 90.

Grade III.—Engrum Johnson, 95; Estelle Driggers, 94; Minnie Driggers, 92; Bardin Driggers, 92; Helen Epps, 90; Maude McClary, 90.

Grade IV.—William Johnson, 96; Britt Strong, 90.

Grade VI.—Willie Epps, 91.

The following made head marks for the month: Bennie Tisdale, 1; Moode Tisdale, 1; Mattie Strong, 1; Susie Tisdale, 11; Estelle Driggers, 1; Engrum Johnson, 1; Frank Strong, 1; Minnie Driggers, 1; Britt Strong, 2; Barth Strong, 1; William Johnson, 1; Willie Epps, 4.

Mrs. J. H. Nexsen, Teacher.

The barn of Mr. W. T. Wilkins located on his premises on Academy street was practically destroyed by fire yesterday morning.

FLORENCE FARMER SLAIN BY TENANT

D. HIRAM MUNN DIES SOON AFTER SHOOTING. SLAYER IN JAIL.

Florence, Jan. 2.—D. Hiram Munn, farmer and business man of Florence, died in a hospital here early this afternoon. Munn was shot in the shoulder with a shotgun by H. A. Quick, a tenant. Quick has surrendered and is in jail here.

It is alleged that Munn and Quick were having an accounting of the year's work and that a dispute arose over certain farm utensils. Disagreement over the disposition of some cotton had been settled, it is said, on Saturday through legal proceedings. Reports of the actual shooting differ widely and the facts will not be known until the coroner's inquest, which will be held tomorrow morning.

Quick alleges that Munn was about to attack him with an axe when he fired the fatal shot. It is said that eye witnesses who had not been subpoenaed tonight might tell a different story.

Munn was married and leaves a wife and one daughter, Mrs. James R. Schipman, wife of an Atlantic Coast Line dispatcher here. Two brothers also survive him, A. A. Munn of Pamplico and George Munn of this city. The dead man was well known throughout this section. He has been a candidate for sheriff twice.

Cotton Marketing Campaign.

Columbia, Jan. 3.—Backed by the indorsements of the executive council and agricultural committee of the South Carolina Bankers Association and four of the district groups of the association, and by leading farmers and business men in every county, a very active campaign for signatures to the cotton co-operative marketing contract will be launched in January. It is practically every cotton growing county in the state. The campaign will continue until contracts representing 400,000 bales are signed up. The organization committee has until May 1 in which to sign the necessary number but hopes to be able to get the number long before that date.

Harry G. Kaminer, president of the South Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association, said Saturday that Col. Clarence Outley of Texas, formerly assistant secretary of agriculture, Dr. Bradford Knapp, of Arkansas, and Clarence Poe of North Carolina would probably speak in the state some time in January or February and other well known authorities on co-operative marketing of cotton will also be invited to speak to the people of the state.

Reports from Texas, Mr. Kaminer said, tell of the continued satisfaction of the farmers of that state with the results being obtained through the Texas association which is handling this year's crop in that state.

A Good Move.

The South Carolina Retail Merchants association, through the legislative bodies will take an active interest in the passage at the coming session of the legislature, of more stringent laws regarding the giving of bad checks.

That the merchants have received more "bad" checks this fall than ever before is indicated by reports from all sections of the state. The general opinion is that the present law is inadequate and that a more drastic act is necessary to deter people from even attempting to obtain money, goods or credit by means of checks or drafts given by those who have no funds to their credit. The banks will be asked to co-operate in this matter also, as it is very annoying to them to have to handle such a great number of checks that have to be returned unpaid.

Rural-Carrier Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Williamsburg, S. C., to be held at Kingstree on January 28, 1922, to fill the position of rural carrier at Lane and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above mentioned county.

NOTICE.

The Ladies Missionary society of Union church will give a barbecue supper at the town hall on Friday evening, January 6th, 1922. The proceeds to be for the benefit of the Manse. Come one—Come all.

WEE NEE SCHOOL

Honor Roll for Month Beginning Nov. 28th, Ending Dec. 21st.

First Grade—Gwyn Epps, 96; Nettie Player, 96; Love Buckles, 96; Beverly Gamble, 96; Joe Bodiford, 93; Della Avant, 92.

Second Grade—Vivian Player, 97; Retha Buckles, 96; Beulah Brown, 96. Second Grade cont.—Lizzie Avant, 94; Ezekia Bodiford 94; Roxie Buckles, 93.

Fourth Grade—Mary Brown, 95. Fifth Grade—Robbie Gamble, 96; Clyde Gamble, 94.

Seventh Grade—Thomas Gamble, 95. Mrs. Gladys O. Dennis, teacher.

News From Hemingway.

Hemingway, Jan. 2.—Mr. W. H. Haselden spent last week with friends at Dyson.

Mr. Eugene Huggins spent the week-end at Cameron.

Mrs. Julia Brown returned to Charlotte Saturday, after spending the holidays here with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Hemingway.

Mr. W. T. Hemingway spent the week-end with friends at Grey Court and Greenwood.

Miss Blanche Deer of Florence, spent part of last week here with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Haselden.

Miss Anna Dora Campbell, after spending the holidays with Misses Nan and Jane Hemingway, returned to her home at Gibson, N. C. Saturday.

Misses Elsie and Alberta Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Brown of Charlotte, visited their sister, Mrs. J. A. Hemingway during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmunds of Savannah, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grimbale of John's Island, Mrs. Balford Haselden and Mr. Oliver Venters of Sanford, Fla., spent the holidays with their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Venters.

Gordon Hall of Durham, N. C., visited friends here during the holidays.

The people of our town and community regret very much the loss of Dr. E. A. Simmons and family, who will make their future home in Timmonsville, also Dr. Mobly and family who have moved to Heath Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Inghram spent part of last week with the latter's parents at Batesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Newman and little daughter, Martha of Darlington, and Mrs. Calhoun of Fork, spent part of last week with relatives here.

Miss Verna Ard left Monday for Florence to resume her studies in a business college there.

Mrs. John Wooten and children, Inez, Sarah and John, Jr., are the guests of Miss Annie Burney.

Miss Miriam Tallevast of Georgetown, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Van Harper, here last week.

Mr. Stacey Cox had the misfortune of losing his home by fire Monday morning.

The following have returned to their studies: Messrs Earl Guess and Eugene Hemingway, to Ritting school; Messrs Cape Hemingway, Walter Baker, and Louie Venters, to Wofford; Miss Nan Tyler, to Lander; Misses Minnie Huggins and Alberta Stuckey, to Winthrop.

The young folks enjoyed a number of informal parties and dances during the holidays.

Among those who have returned to their schools are: Miss Marie Eaddy, Andrews; Miss Edna Eady, McColl; Miss Bessie Huggins, Fletcher Memorial; Misses Solmie and Ruth Haselden, Good Hope; Miss Virdie Simmons, Plantersville, and Miss Ellen Hemingway, Prospect.

Mr. Barrie Williams, who teaches in the Sumter High school, called on friends here last week.

Campbell-Eaddy.

Hemingway, Jan. 3.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Eaddy, Thursday December 22, 1921, Miss Amy Eaddy and Mr. C. Campbell were quietly married by Rev. J. A. Campbell of Gibson, N. C., father of the groom. Only close friends and relatives attended the wedding.

Mr. Campbell has taught several years in the Hemingway High school and is much liked by the faculty and pupils. Mr. Campbell holds the position as book keeper at the Bank of Hemingway. They will make Hemingway their home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Andrews attended services at St. Albans here Sunday morning.

MORE PRISONERS IN PENITENTIARY

BIG INCREASE FOR YEAR JUST CLOSED.—FOUR WHITE WOMEN IN LIST.

The Columbia State says: At the close of business for 1921 the state penitentiary had 408 prisoners as compared with only 284 at the close of business for 1920, according to a compilation of figures made yesterday by Col. A. K. Sanders, superintendent of the penitentiary. This gives an increase of 124 prisoners during the year just ended, and indicates that crime was on a rather upward trend during the year as compared with 1920.

For the entire year 579 prisoners were in the penitentiary, but a number were discharged, others were paroled or pardoned by Governor Cooper, and a few escaped.

The figures compiled by Colonel Sanders show that at the opening of 1921 there were 284 prisoners in the penitentiary. During the year 288 prisoners were sent to the prison by the various courts of the state and five men were recaptured while two others were added because of a violation of paroles.

During the year 118 prisoners were discharged, having completed sentences. Thirty-three were paroled or pardoned by the governor. Eleven escaped from the yards and the two farms while nine died during the year.

The list of 408 accounted for in the figures is divided as follows: 161 white men and 204 negro men; four white women and 49 negro women.

Negroes outnumber the whites by 98, the total number of blacks being 253 as against 155 whites. Of the total number in the prison 289 are in the main prison here while 61 are at the DeSaussure farm and 58 at the Read farm.

Young Negro Shot to Death.

Kennedy Madison, 23 year old son of Brown Madison, a respected colored farmer living on the place of Mr. W. K. McIntosh was shot to death about ten o'clock last night, the entire top of his head being blown off.

There were three young negroes sleeping in the same bed, two of them sons of Brown Madison and the other an eighteen year old boy that has been raised by Madison, but whose real name is Dukes. Dukes it seems has had a grudge towards the dead boy for several days over a lead pencil which the latter had taken from him. The three boys went to bed about 9 o'clock and the members of the household were asleep when the shot was fired. Madison and his wife were aroused by the report and at once got up to see what was wrong. As they entered the room they met the Dukes boy who told them that Kennedy had shot himself.

Dukes stated at the inquest that Kennedy had taken the gun to bed with him for the purpose of shooting a rat that was bothering some meal in the room. The younger brother of the dead man told the coroner's jury that Kennedy Madison did not take the gun to bed with him.

From the position of the dead man on his bed and the nature of the wound it appears impossible for the boy to have shot himself, and it remains with the coroner's jury to decide upon this question, which it was unable to do this morning without first having the body viewed by a doctor and getting his testimony as to the nature of the wound and the probable manner in which it was inflicted.

Ward-Eaddy.

Mr. Roy Ward and Miss Eunice Eaddy were married on the afternoon of Christmas Day at the Baptist church at Cades, Rev. J. A. Turner performing the ceremony.

The young couple will make their home near Cades. Mrs. Ward is the daughter of Mr. Capers Eaddy, while Mr. Ward is the son of Mr. R. E. Ward, all of Cades.

NOTICE.

I wish to thank the people of Kingstree and surrounding territory for the splendid trade given me during the holidays.

I will always do my best to please you.

Respectfully,
F. J. WATTS, Jeweler.